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Chairman Shockley
Honorable Members Of Senate Judiciary Committee

Thank you to Senator Lent for introducing SB 15.

My experience as a cop for nearly 4 decades has taught me that as the impairment level rises, so rises the likelihood of a DUI caused collision. As the impairment level rises, so rises the severity of that collision and the resultant death and injury. This death and injury seems to be most often visited upon undeserving and innocent victim.

The likelihood of a DUI related collision is directly related to the amount of alcohol and/or drugs consumed.

It is appropriate and just to have higher penalties for higher impairment levels. This will help Montana to hold these killers in waiting accountable. It will deter some from participating in their errant actions.

This bill will help to make the highways and streets of Montana safer for all of us.

Please support and pass this bill.

Respectfully,

CC Ibsen